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Subject: Re: Data

I echo Rich's comments.

Lora, will you be in the office tomorrow. Maybe we can talk prior to our 9am meeting to see if Dennis wants to discuss this at that meeting. We (Rich and I) are preparing a plan to move through the Cabot submitted data (with the emphasis on the 3 homes now in the Action Memo).

More to come tomorrow.

Rich

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Bob,

First off I want you to know that I did not expect you to work on your document this evening. I tried to call you repeatedly during the course of day and left a message at least one time.

You did a admirable job in developing your table. The document you prepared is very important and has, in part, been the basis for your AROA and Dawn's opinion. It has been a key reference document.

Now we have received a significant data package from Cabot that indicates contamination levels much different than the levels that are presented in your document. What I had hoped to find out from you today is exactly how you developed the document. My understanding is that you looked through a variety of data we had on hand and selected those values that appeared to present that greatest risk. Without knowing exactly where each number was collected from, it makes evaluating the numbers at best difficult. Thus, foot noting each number, for later evaluation to determine how reliable or unreliable it might be, is essential to be able to compare it to the new data.

You are correct that part of the basis for the recommendation to discontinue using water was the suspect nature of the analytical results. However, much has changed since your document was developed. We now have much more data and need to see if QA/QC data is available for the numbers you collected. It may be that the numbers are a fair representation of the contamination. This makes an even stronger case for our action.

The urgency for my request is that the Action Memo will be completed tomorrow and sent to the 16th floor and HQ for review. Before this happens we need to be certain of the quality of the data we are relying upon to make our recommendation. I would not have pursued you with such persistence were this not of the utmost importance.

I believe it is also important that since this was a document created by ATSDR that is be edited also by ATSDR. I am grateful that Lora has volunteered to figure out where each number was taken from for the three homes of concern.

thanks
Rich

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Its on osc page under each individual well owner name in pdfs. Nightmare. No way I am going back to reference every individual number. It is all suspect as noted in the AROA.

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Letsa talk tomorrow. When you get chance can u send original document?

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Source noted in table header

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I wonder since you developed this product if it might just be better if you went back and footnoted each entry? We are going to need to tell folks where each bit of data came from.

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Ask Karen

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DEP spreadsheets originally provided to K Johnson then to us. Only other source is the data tables released in December and provided to EPA and ATSDR by Kunkle (all Cabot data).

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Bob, because of the volume and diversity of all the data, we need you to go back on the spreadsheets you prepared and footnote where you captured particular values. Maybe that already exists on some version?

We really need this info as soon as possible given the arrival of new data that is significantly different than the values you reference.

Call anytime if want talk more about it.
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Thanks
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